Three Blair Students Selected For RHOP Program at Wayne State College

Alyx Folkers, Heidi Roth, Monica Friedmeyer, all of Blair, are among the more than 20 students accepted into the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) at Wayne State College.

"The need for rural health professionals continues to grow," said Dr. David Peltz of Wayne State College. "These students have proven themselves to be gifted and dedicated to their profession. They have displayed the potential to develop into strong community leaders."

RHOP is a cooperative effort between Wayne State and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and encourages students from rural areas of Nebraska to return to rural settings after graduation to pursue their career.

Individuals selected obtain guaranteed admission to UNMC Colleges upon successful completion of studies at WSC and receive a full-tuition waiver at WSC.

Areas of study under the program include clinical laboratory sciences; medicine; nursing; pharmacy; physical therapy; physician assistant; dental hygiene; radiography; and dentistry.

A shortage of rural health practitioners in Nebraska prompted higher education institutions to implement the RHOP program in 1989.

Selection of candidates is based on an applicant's residency in a rural Nebraska community, academic potential and commitment to practice in rural Nebraska.

Folkers is the daughter of Craig and Jamie Folkers of Blair. She will be a pre-pharmacy major.

Roth is the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Roth. She will be a chemistry major with a minor in psychology.

Friedmeyer is the daughter of Greg Friedmeyer. She will be a dentistry major.